

Abstract

An extensible, network-based user interface allows remotely located resources to serve multiple clients. The user interface can be upgraded as improvements in resource capabilities are made, and as new products become available. The user interface includes a controller and other processing units and databases that collect, collate and process product and user information to dynamically construct client-specific user interfaces. The user interfaces may be used to select and control print options for networked printers. The network may be a local area network or the Internet. The user interface may maintain statistical information that is useable to predict technology trends, identify user preferences, and plan for maintenance and upgrade operations.